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An Act To Make Changes in the Laws Regarding Raffles

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §324-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §10 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

B. Raffle tickets may be sold in accordance with chapter 14. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, raffle tickets may be sold up to one hour after the beginning of a "beano" game.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§8-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 796, §3, is amended to read:

A. The Chief of the State Police may issue one special exempt raffle license per year to any organization, department or class eligible to hold a raffle under subsection 6 without obtaining a license. The special exempt raffle license entitles the licensee to hold one raffle in which the holder of a winning chance receives something of value worth more than \$10,000 but not more than \$75,000. The raffle may be divided into multiple drawings with the final drawing to be held within 12 months of the first. Drawings must be used to randomly select a smaller groups to be eligible for the final prize to be awarded after the final drawing. Section 341 does not apply to raffles licensed under this section.

SUMMARY

This bill extends the period of time during which raffle tickets may be sold at a beano game. It also provides that a raffle for a prize valued at greater than \$10,000 but less than \$75,000 may be divided into multiple drawings.